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LAOTIAN AID-SEEKING MISSION TO ROK

REF A. VIENTIANE 8796 B. VIENTIANE 7845

1. SEVEN-MEMBER LAO AID-SSEEKING MISSION HEADED BY
DEFENSE MINISTER SISOUK NA CHAMPASSA (REF A) ARRIVED
SEOUL DECEMBER 8 AND IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART DECEMBER 11.
MISSION MET WITH PRIMIN, ACTING FONMIN, AND ACTING
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO MOFA, MISSION SOUGHT LARGE CASH
DONATION FROM ROKG, WHICH EXPLAINED IT NOT ROK
PRACTICE TO MAKE SUCH GIFTS. ROK INSTEAD HAS PROPOSED
TO DONATE 50,000 YARDS OF CLOTH FOR REFUGEE RELIEF AND
HAS OFFERED TO TRAIN TEN LAOTIANS AT ROK EXPENSE IN
TECHNICAL ECONOMIC FIELD TO BE CHOSEN LATER BY PGNU.

3. MOFA SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION II CHIEF KO TOLD
EMBOFFDECEMBER 11 THAT ROK AWARE OF RESULTS OF
EARLIER LAOTIAN MISSION TO NORTH KOREA REPORTED
REF B. KO SAID THAT ROKG IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO
BALANCE NORTH KOREAN GESTURE, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE
LIMITS TO WHAT ROK LEADERS ARE PREPARED TO APPROVE
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IN THE AREA OF COMPETITIVE AID. HE INDICATED THAT

PROPOSED ROK CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE THE ONLY TANGIBLE
RESULT OF MISSION'S VISIT TO ROK.
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